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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD


SUBJECT: Meeting with Virginia Sloan, House
Judiciary Committee

1. On 15 November 1982, the undersigned met with Virginia Sloan, Assistant Counsel, House Judiciary Subcommittee on Crime, to discuss the upcoming Subcommittee hearing on S. 2552/H.R. 4940, Intelligence Personnel Protection legislation.

2. After discussing some technical legal questions related to the legislation, Ms. Sloan reiterated her request for information concerning the CIA documents alluded to in a recent Washington Post article concerning charges by former Justice Department official John Loftus relating to illegal immigration of Nazi war criminals. The article had said that Loftus based certain of his allegations on CIA documents obtained from the National Archives. I told Ms. Sloan that we had not be able to identify the documents referred to in the article, and that concerned Agency components were in fact seeking to identify them through contacts at the National Archives. Ms. Sloan said that the subject of illegal immigration into the United States on the part of Nazi war criminals, and the presence in the United States of former SAVAK and Vietnamese intelligence officers, might be raised in connection with the hearing on Intelligence Personnel Protection legislation, because the legislation would make attacks upon persons admitted to the United States under Section 7 of the CIA Act and foreign visitors in the United States under intelligence agency auspices federal criminal offenses.

() 3. I told Ms. Sloan that there was, as she knew, a long history of investigations by the Immigration Subcommittee of House Judiciary, the GAO, and the Department of Justice, focusing on the Nazi war criminal issue, none of which had ever substantiated any of the allegations concerning intelligence agency conspiracies to bring Nazi war criminals into the United States. Ms. Sloan said she was indeed aware of these efforts but the subject remained of concern to some Members of the Judiciary Committee. I told Ms. Sloan that questions in this area could touch upon classified information, and that the Agency would not want to appear to be evasive if any such questions were raised at the hearing scheduled for 1 December. I suggested, therefore, that if Subcommittee Chairman Hughes or other Subcommittee Members wished clarification of any concerns in this area it might be advisable for us to arrange for a private briefing, preferably prior to the open hearing, so that the air could be cleared and the Subcommittee could proceed expeditiously with its consideration of the legislation. Ms. Sloan said that she did not know whether any of the Subcommittee Members would actually want to raise any issues in this area, but that she would convey the offer to Chairman Hughes in the memorandum which she was preparing for him on the upcoming hearing.

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